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April 13, 2016

Mr. William Kirwan
Historic Preservation Commission
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

RE: 6917 Laurel Avenue

Dear Mr. Kirwan,

The Takoma Park Facade Advisory Board met on April 12, 2016, to review an amended design proposal for 6917 Laurel Avenue. The proposal was presented by John Urciolo, property owner, for new windows. The proposal is to be considered by the Historic Preservation Commission. The applicant mentioned that the previous application for 6915 Laurel would be withdrawn, as he now plans to repair the existing window system.

John Urciolo presented a proposal for new storefront windows and framing to replace the original historic midcentury building storefront metal frames and glass. Owner's proposal to match the adjacent storefront at Kin Da, at 6923 Laurel, is not in keeping with 6917 Laurel Avenue existing profile, sight lines and detail.

The Board confirmed the determination made at the March 8, 2016 meeting, regarding the original proposal:

The Board rejects the application as submitted. The applicant has the following options:

1. Repair existing framing in place;
2. Replace storefront framing in kind;
3. Replace to match, with materials and style exhibiting profile and sight lines similar to the existing system. This option requires Board approval.

Thank you for the ongoing efforts of the Commission to preserve the unique architectural character of our historic business district. If you have any questions regarding the Board's action, please call me at 301-891-7205.

Sincerely,

Rosalind Grigsby
Community Development Coordinator